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Towards a university with wings and feet: Local and regional Engagement as a differentiator

Session focus:

- Presentation of the Utrecht concept of a Civic University.
- Why: Background Utrecht co-operation and the Utrecht Civic University concept
- How: Approach co-operation & strategic alliances Utrecht Region
- What: The proof of the pudding is in the eating, some examples
- Pre-conditions and challenges
- Debate, discussion and questions



Focus regional Co-operation and Strategic Alliances Utrecht Region

- Consistently working on the concept of a university with feet. Towards a civic, inclusive and diverse University with a strong and meaningful presence in the region by working together with partners:
 - the Utrecht municipality
 - the province of Utrecht
 - and a broad range of societal and economic partners in the Utrecht region as well



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Background Utrecht co-operation

- Utrecht Bridge and Utrecht Education-offensive
- Utrecht municipality Education-agenda
- Strategic agenda Utrecht municipality and Utrecht region:
 - Utrecht: City of knowledge & culture
 - Healthy urban living in a inclusive city
 - Utrecht region: smart, healthy and sustainable
- No city/region without the university and no university without the city/region



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Civic University

- Societal impact: the university is focused on the input of knowledge and capabilities to solve the grand and relevant challenges in society.
- ‘Adaptive University’: proactive, anticipation, initiative
- Wings and feet: exclusive and inclusive



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Utrecht University stimulates diversity and inclusion within education, research and the organisation.

A diverse community of students and teachers contributes to an inspiring and challenging learning environment. In addition, this is a good preparation for working in a pluriform society.

Diversity enriches the academic debate and contributes to an intensive cooperation and exchange with social organisations.

Utrecht University considers it important to contribute to bridging opposites and creating equal opportunities for all.

Utrecht University is an organisation where cooperation and trust are central and where employees and students enjoy working and studying.

Highlights



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Diversity newsletter

The Diversity Task Force publishes a quarterly newsletter containing diversity and inclusion news at the UU.

Diversity & Inclusion Award is looking for candidates



Stimulation Fund

The Diversity Task Force makes available €50.000 annually for projects and initiatives improving diversity.

Beatrice de Graaf awarded 2.5 million euros by NWO for knowledge transfer



Prof. [Beatrice de Graaf](#) (Professor of the History of International Relations) has received the prestigious Stevin Prize from the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). The prize of 2.5 million euros is an individual award intended to foster knowledge transfer and serve as a

Highlights



Highest honours in Dutch science

Professors Anna Akhmanova and Beatrice de Graaf received the Spinoza and Stevin Award from the Minister of Education, Culture and Science.

How does
Utrecht
University
stimulate
diversity?



Veena Srinivasan appointed to Prince Claus Chair

Dr Veena Srinivasan will hold the Prince Claus Chair at Utrecht University for her research into sustainable and inclusive food production in Asian delta regions.

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Students with wings and feet



Roos Ykema is the winner of the student award Exceptional Extracurricular Achievements 2017.

“*The positive reactions of refugees and volunteers give us strength.*”

Roos is the initiator of the *Taalles Vluchtelingen Utrecht Team* (language lessons for refugees). In a Utrecht refugee center Roos successfully organizes language lessons, whilst also instructing dozens of volunteers, being the liaison for other organizations, developing the teaching materials and recruiting both volunteers and refugees. By participating in language lessons refugees can use their time in a useful and pleasant way.

Nominated for

The *Taalles Vluchtelingen Utrecht Team* and supervision over 40 volunteers.
Goal: to offer Dutch lessons to refugees during their waiting time.

More information on this or other student awards and all nominations?
Please check out uu.nl/studentawards.

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How can our children develop into well-balanced individuals?




How can we achieve open and sustainable societies?

Institutions for Open Societies

The strength of societies is to a large extent determined by the quality of their institutions, which are the formal and informal frameworks for human interaction. These institutions – laws, customs, networks, organisations, languages, etc. – enable or constrain the realisation of an open, democratic and equitable society. They also determine a society's ability to absorb shocks and its sustainability.



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Sustainability research at Utrecht University is exceptionally strong and covers many different fields. Having the unique combination of top-notch fundamental natural science research, modelling, and scholarship in innovation, transition, governance and finance, Utrecht University, as a broad research university, is at the forefront of innovation in sustainability research.

We contribute to a sustainable future by means of transdisciplinary research

The focus will be on identifying and understanding transformative pathways in four hubs:



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Towards Industry with Negative Emissions



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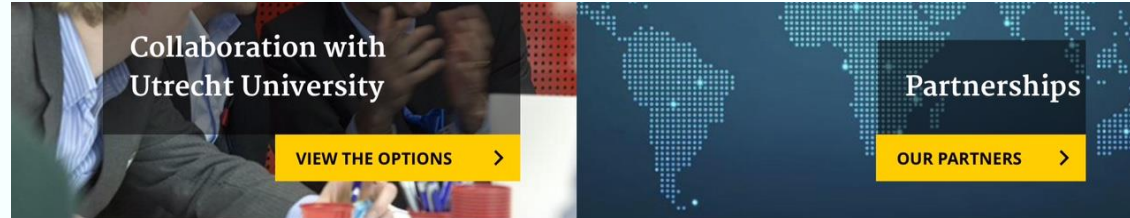
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Green Office presents: Living Lab



A short video to explain the workings of the Living Lab project



Partnerships



Utrecht Science Park

Utrecht University, the University Medical Center Utrecht and dozens of innovative businesses and research institutes have pooled their resources at the Utrecht Science Park.

The Utrecht-Sydney super exchange

Dr. Vasileios Chatzaras, a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the department of Earth Sciences, will start as a lecturer at the University of Sydney in January 2018; a prime example of Utrecht-Sydney exchange agreement.

Student internships, job market

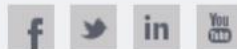
Utrecht University wants to thoroughly prepare its students for the job market. Career Services is the place where students from Utrecht and organizations can meet.

In short

Utrecht Science Park is the beating heart of Europe's most competitive region. We bring competence from business, industry and academia together in order to design and create healthier, safer and more sustainable cities for today and for

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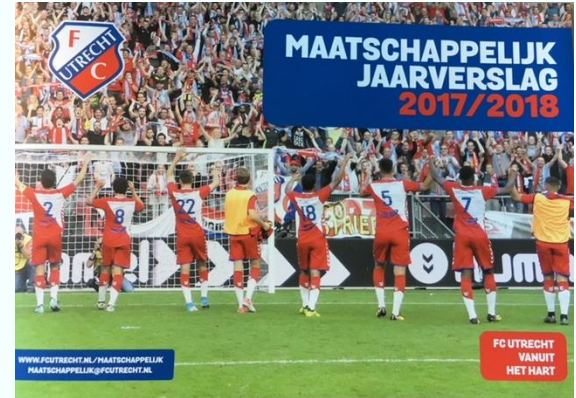
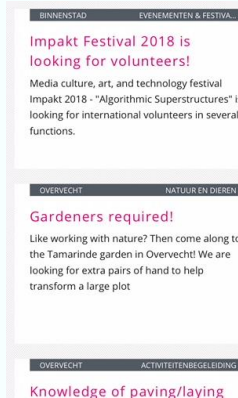
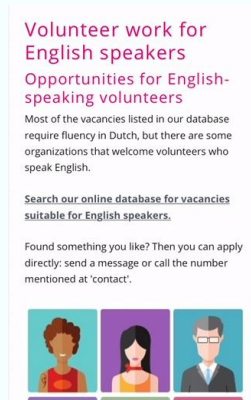
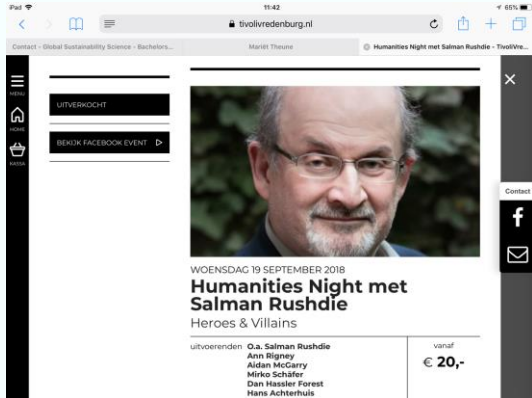
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Meet the professor: Profs with feet makes you fly



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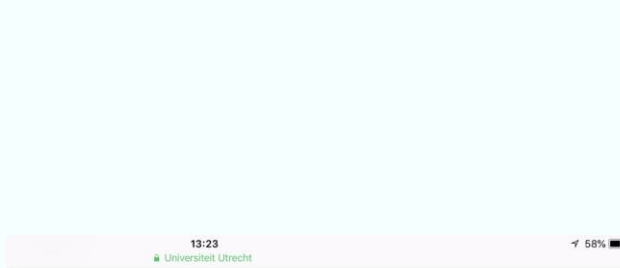
Local and regional public engagement with feet: makes you fly



Public engagement at Utrecht University

What is public engagement Finding an audience Stories of Engagement + More

Public engagement involves dialogue, interaction and participation, between researchers and non-academics. It is as much about listening as it is about offering insights and knowledge. It creates benefits for the public (increased understanding, chance to be part of science), the researchers (new ideas, challenge thinking), the university (raises its profile) and for society as a whole (making more informed choices, challenge rooted convictions).



Public Engagement and Community Outreach through “Town & Gown”

From their arrival at UCU all students are encouraged to engage with our local, regional and national communities, as well as those further afield. With active support from the UCSA, its many committees and teams, the staff body and also from within the curriculum, this engagement is becoming more widespread and diverse each year.

A new initiative, Town & Gown, was launched in Spring 2016 to further support UCU’s public engagement & community outreach. The team consists of students and staff members including the Dean, whose goals include:

- promoting the values of global citizenship and raising societal awareness through civic engagement and social work;
- strengthening ties between UCU community, the city and other communities in Utrecht.

This is achieved by helping students set up their own projects that connect UCU and the city: support takes the form of brainstorming, networking, and funding, as necessary.

Feedback

Meeting SIG Community Service Learning

Before summer starts, the SIG Community Service Learning will get together one more time. This time we will **start making plans** on *how to promote this type of education better and more frequently within the UU and to stimulate discussion about CSL*. Some ideas have already been mentioned in previous meetings and new ideas are welcome! We will further specify what we as a SIG want to pursue next year and what steps we want to take.

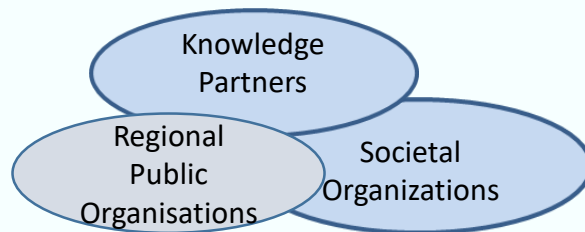
The SIG welcomes teachers to **share knowledge and experiences** in the group. Please, let us know in advance if you want to share something, by mail to cat@uu.nl, so we can reserve time for it in the programme.

Please note: the location has changed to Buys Ballot Building, room 3.19 (Teaching&Learning Lab)

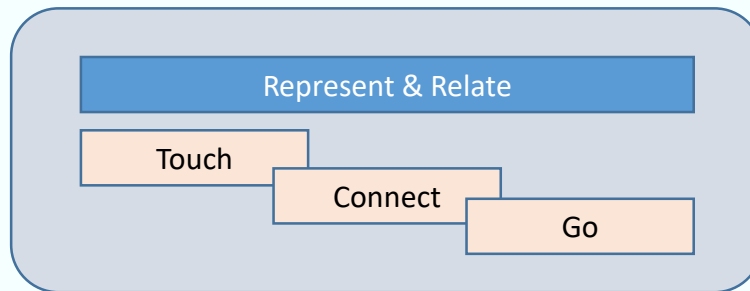
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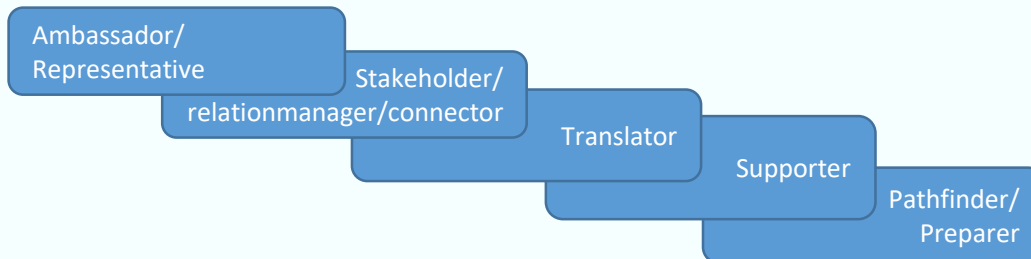
Focus:



Approach:



Role:





Co-operation and the Civic University

Preconditions and challenges:

The realization of a broad supported conceptual framework (attitude & behavior) :

- Knowing (theoretical) and capable (practical), (professional) distance and (related) participation
- It's about strategy and operations,
- It's about dialogue and partnerships,
- It's about acting together and individual responsibility as well, no ego-tripping!



Realizing a university with wings and feet

Precondition and challenges:

- From the fancy edge to the academic core
- ‘Practise what we preach’, ‘Put your money where your mouth is’, ‘walk the talk’
- Long term support and short succes
- Aiming at multiply and accelerator
- It’s all about the content



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Debate

- A fancy gril or a futureproof development?
- Opportunism or strongly related with the institutional mission and vison of the university and the regional partners?
- Basic attitude: out of the office and over the vence
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Thank you !

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